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WITH TRAILING EDGE CAVITY

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This is in response to the Election Requirement dated June 8, 2006. Applicants elect to prosecute Species 2, (Figures 5-9).

Currently, claims 1-20 are readable on elected Species 2, (Figures 5-9). Currently, claims 1-4 are generic to Species 1 and 2.

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